

Amendments To The Claims:

1.-17. (cancelled)

18. (currently amended) A user-side device arrangement for a data transfer service, comprising:

a first computer comprising

a first storage unit in which program instructions can be stored,

a first processor which executes the stored program instructions, and

a signaling unit for implementing features of the data transfer service that interfaces with a private branch exchange,

wherein the first computer is configured to process one or more application programs subjecting the first processor to a variable processing load; and an input device,

a second computer operatively connected to the first computer via a data transmission network, the second computer configured according to information entered into the input device of the first computer, the second computer comprising

a data processing unit that processes the data to be transferred or actually transferred within the scope of the data transfer service, wherein with the signaling unit and the data processing unit in respective first and second computers the second computer is operated substantially independently of the first computer, and

a second storage unit and a second processor for use of the data processing unit, wherein the second computer further comprises a transmitting/receiving unit which receives data over the data transmission network and/or transmits data into the data transmission network, wherein the data transmission network operates according to an internet protocol, wherein the data comprises voice data and/or video data, wherein a quality indication of the voice data and/or video data is substantially determined by the second computer and is substantially independent of the variable processing load to which the first processor is subjected to when processing said one or more application programs.

wherein the second computer is disposed between the first computer and a hub of the data transmission network, and wherein in an overload situation data sent to or received by the second computer has a priority over data sent to or received by the first computer.

19. (previously presented) The device arrangement according to claim 18, wherein the first computer further comprises a first operating system program, and the second computer further comprises a second operating system program.

20. (currently amended) The device arrangement according to claim 19, wherein the second computer further comprises a circuit operative without the involvement of an operating system program.

21. (previously presented) The device arrangement according to claim 18 wherein the second computer is housed outside the first computer.

22. (previously presented) The device arrangement according to claim 18, wherein the second computer contains a power supply unit operating independently of a power pack of the first computer.

23. (currently amended) The device arrangement according to claim 18, wherein ~~the second computer~~ the second computer is operatively connected to the power supply of a data transmission network.

24. (previously presented) The device arrangement according to claim 18, wherein the second computer provides the data transfer service when the first computer has been deactivated.

25. (previously presented) The device arrangement according to claim 18, wherein the second computer is contained in a portable device.

26. (previously presented) The device arrangement according to claim 18, wherein the first computer is a network computer which receives an application program over the data transmission network.

27. (previously presented) The device arrangement according to claim 18, wherein the first computer further comprises a transmitting/receiving unit which transmits and receives data packets over the data transmission network, wherein the data transmission network operates according to an internet protocol.

28. (previously presented) The device arrangement according to claim 27, wherein the first computer further comprises a setting unit which transmits a setting value to the transmitting/receiving unit of the first computer.

29. (cancelled)

30. (cancelled)

31. (previously presented) The device arrangement according to claim 18, wherein the internet protocol is transmitted according to a H.323 based protocol.

32. (previously presented) The device arrangement according to claim 18, wherein signaling messages are transmitted to the transmitting/receiving unit of the second computer according to a control protocol for transferring data in data packets, the control protocol selected from the group consisting of H.225, H.245, SIP.

33. (cancelled)

34. (currently amended) The device arrangement according to claim 28, wherein the signaling unit and/or the setting unit contains an interface to a data viewing program, ~~serving to access data over a data transmission network.~~

35. (previously presented) The device arrangement according to claim 18, wherein the device arrangement is adapted to register an overload case on the data transmission network between the first computer and the second computer and wherein upon registry of the overload case, forwarding a data packet is given a priority.

36. (cancelled)

37. (cancelled)

38. (currently amended) A method for arranging a first computer and a second computer in an user-side device for a data transfer service, the method comprising:

configuring a first computer to process one or more application programs  
subjecting a processor of the first computer to a variable processing load; and

coupling a second computer to the first computer via a data transmission network,  
the second computer configured according to information entered into an input device of the first computer; and

operating the second computer to transmit and/or receive data over the data transmission network, wherein the data transmission network operates according to an internet protocol, wherein the data comprises voice data and/or video data, wherein a quality indication of the voice data and/or video data is substantially determined by the second computer, and the quality indication is substantially independent of the variable processing load to which the processor of the first computer is subjected to when processing said one or more application programs, wherein the second computer is disposed between the first computer and a hub of the data transmission network, and wherein in an overload situation data sent to or received by the second computer has a priority over data sent to or received by the first computer.